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The Inn at Pocono Manor to Host Third Annual “Magical Fireside Christmas” Extravaganza

Sights, Sounds & Scents of Christmas Past & Present, Opens Thanksgiving

Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, October 2011 ... The Inn at Pocono Manor announces its third annual Magical Fireside Christmas Extravaganza will open Thanksgiving Weekend. Visited the past two years by thousands of yuletide merry-makers from the Poconos and as far away as New York City and Philadelphia, this holiday celebration at the storied, historic resort, will be open to the public all holiday season long.

A Magical Fireside Christmas kicks off to the public on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th from 5pm-8pm and continues through December 31st. Admission to the holiday extravaganza is just \$5 per person, which includes 5 activities tickets, with additional activity tickets available at \$1 per ticket. Additionally, the Inn will once again collect unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots.



The Inn at Pocono Manor will present a Special Preview to members of the media and invited guests on Tuesday, November 22nd. Included will be

all the holiday activities offered throughout the celebration, and chef's specialities, hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and much more, including Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus! RSVP is necessary to Agearhart@poconomanor.com or 570-839-7111 Ext. 7670.



For those who need more than just a day or evening of yuletide merriment throughout the season, the Inn at Pocono Manor is offering a special **Magical Fireside Christmas Overnight Package** for a family of four from \$158 per night. This includes a full breakfast, activity tickets, family gift and Elf Turndown Service with an Elf (or possibly Mrs. Klaus) delivering cookies and milk and reading a bed time story.* (Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights, and daily Dec. 26 - Dec. 30.)

A Magical Fireside Christmas Extravaganza

Sparkling trees, the Inn outlined in white lights, live baby reindeer for petting, Santa & Mrs. Claus receiving children naughty or nice, marshmallows roasting on an open fire, horse-drawn carriage rides, train rides, and so much more will all be a part of A Magical Fireside Christmas. From the moment visitors enter the century-old resort's drive lined with sparkling holiday trees to the dazzling mountain-top array of Christmas finery, lighting, seasonal games, holiday adventures, children of *all* ages will find themselves mesmerized by this magical wonderland. Adding to the holiday delight will be Christmas songs and carols playing inside and out!

A Magical Fireside Christmas continues in the Inn's charming Fireside Lodge with its massive stone fireplaces and historic arts & crafts interiors adorned with glittering holiday decorations. Visitors will discover a giant Gingerbread Village, have the opportunity to write personal letters to Santa and even hand-deliver these to both Mr. & Mrs. Claus while having their holiday picture taken with the Christmas couple. Additional family activities at Fireside Lodge will include holiday ornament making and Christmas cookie decorating, as well as storytellers recalling tales of Christmas past.

The Inn at Pocono Manor's main building, festively adorned with Christmas finery and trimmed with white lights, will feature glowing century-old fireplaces, gingerbread houses and steaming hot chocolate with peppermint sticks – perfect for warming up after enjoying the winter wonderland adventures. The Inn's renowned Exchange Restaurant, located just off the lobby, will feature specially-created holiday-themed menus, ideal for families and all guests.

Guests can make their stay even more festive with special package additions, such as a personal Christmas tree to decorate in their guest room, luxuriant spa treatments especially for busy moms, and much more.

Christmas is a time of sharing and giving, and the Inn at Pocono Manor encourages visitors to A Magical Fireside Christmas to donate an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.



A Magical Fireside Christmas at The Inn at Pocono Manor begins with a Grand Opening from 5 – 8 pm on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th, 2011, and extends through December 31st, 2011.

The Magical Fireside Christmas Extravaganza hours are:

- Fridays from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm**
- Saturdays from 12:00 Noon – 6:00 pm**
- Sundays from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.**
- And Daily from December 26 - 31**

For more information on A Magical Fireside Christmas, the host of special activities for children and families, and holiday guestroom or dining reservations, call 570-839-7111 / 800-233-8150, or visit <http://poconomanor.com/pages/christmas.htm>

* Based on availability

About The Inn at Pocono Manor

The Inn at Pocono Resort blends a century of hospitality with the demands of 21st Century travelers. Lovingly referred to as the “The Grand Lady of the Mountains” and a National Registry of Historic Places property, The Inn at Pocono Manor opened in 1902 as a country retreat for Philadelphia Quakers. Today it is the oldest continuously running Resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America. The all-season resort boasts 237 guestrooms, and 25,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space that can accommodate up to 500 guests. The Exchange at Pocono Manor restaurant features superb dining with an eclectic flair. The Old Lamplighter Lounge serves specialty beverages and pub fare throughout the day.

Complete recreational amenities are available at The Inn at Pocono Manor, including signature golf, horseback riding, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, the luxurious Laurel Spa, fishing, clay shooting, cross country skiing, and more. Striking views of the Pocono Mountains are visible from all sides of the resort’s main building. Complimentary wireless Internet is available throughout. The Inn at Pocono Manor features two 18-hole signature golf courses, including the East Course dating to 1912, which was redesigned by Donald Ross in 1927 and has been host to golf legends like Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer and Jerry Barber. In 1959, the George Fazio-designed West Course opened.

A destination within the Poconos for over a century, the 3000-acre Inn at Pocono Manor is minutes away from Crossings Premium Outlets, Camelbeach Water Park, Camelback Ski Mountain, and the Mt. Airy Casino. The Resort is within two hours of New York City, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

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